

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, February 22, 2010, 4:30pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, Richard Shockley, Pat Flannelly, John MacDonald and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb, Dan Dunten and Lee Booth represented the department. Present from the City was Council President Ann Hunt and Clerk-Treasurer Judy Rhodes. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Karen convened the Board at 4:30 pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from January 25, 2010 meeting. Mary motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

-The first Global Fest meeting of the year will be on Friday. All of the committee members are returning. I still need to find a temporary food chairperson. To date the Mayor has raised \$1,725. It cost about \$15,000 to put on the event. I have written two grants – one to Vectren and the other to the Gannett Foundation requesting funds for Global Fest. Global Fest is held over Labor Day weekend on Saturday, September 4. A Naturalization Ceremony is held on Friday to kick of the event.

- Notices have been sent to the Men's and Coed Softball League concerning the 2010 season. The information has also been posted on the Departments web site. Cost of the men's league is \$525, each team plays 18 games plus a double elimination tournament. The coed league cost \$350, each team plays 11 games plus a double elimination tournament. League play will start the week of May 10. Games are played at the Arni Cohen Memorial Fields on Salisbury and the Blessed Sacrament field.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections were presented
- Snow removal as needed
- Still pruning trees in all parks
- Getting summer equipment ready to go
- Getting materials needed to shut down rink then remove ice mats

**Recreation Report** – Chris reported on the following:

- The Riverside Skating Center's annual Dare to Bear was held on Friday, February 5 from 7-8:30 pm. Eighty plus skaters in their swimsuits braved the 30-degree weather and blowing snow. Papa John's in Purdue West provided free pizza for skaters and All American Vending provided hot cocoa. Fun was had by all!
- The Riverside Skating Center is scheduled to remain open through the first week of March. The last day to skate, weather permitting, will be Sunday, March 7.

- The Second and Third Grade Basketball program was completed this past Saturday. Greg Tudor coached 71-second graders and 24 third graders in the basketball program. Principal Kim bowers and the Cumberland staff was very accommodating with this four-month program.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- WALLA held another successful Pizza Party at Morton on Thursday, February 18. There were approximately 120 participants.
- We are gathering information for summer classes. Morton instructors have been asked to have their summer proposals submitted by Friday, February 26.
- The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application for storm windows for Morton has been resubmitted with the additional information that was requested. We should know sometime around the end of the week whether we would be awarded the grant. I have been told that there were 150 applications submitted, so there is a lot of competition for the grant money.

**New Business** – was moved up to accommodate guess speakers that were present

### **Request for Bird Study**

Lauren Brierley, a Purdue graduate student in the Department of Biological Sciences requested permission to collect birds and recordings of bird vocalizations at Celery Bog Nature Area. She wants to use the area as a quiet site for a controlled study to measure the birds hearing. When the nets are up, Lauren will be there to monitor them. The study will last about a year. Mary motioned to approve the request. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Whyte Horse Winery**

Connie from Whyte Horse Winery was present to request permission to offer wine tasting at the Farmers Market weekly instead of monthly. There was a statement read from Police Chief Jason Dombkowski that said there were no issues at last year's market and he doesn't expect any this year. He will have officers on site to direct traffic. It will be the winery's responsibility to check ID's and make sure everyone is 21. Richard motioned to approve wine tasting at the market weekly. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Clerk-Treasurer**

Judy Rhodes explained the claim payment process to the Board. The claims are signed by Judy saying there are funds available after Joe or his representative has signed them. The Department claims are paid weekly so there are no late fees imposed. Section 25-10 of the City Code gives the Clerk-Treasure' approval to disperse the funds to pay bills that Joe or his designee say are true and correct. All that is done in advance of Park Board approval. Each Board member signs the dockets concurring that the funds be disbursed. A Board member can question or reject payment of any claim. The claims will be electronically sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

### **Old Business**

### **GLRSA Request**

The Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Alliance agreement was revised by the Park Board Attorney and presented for use of Cumberland Park for soccer seasons, spring

and fall 2010. The group has requested use of the facility March 6-May 28 and August 1-October 28, 2010. Andy stated that the changes made to the contract were that GLRSA will make the call whether the fields are playable (but ultimately we have the final say), their responsibilities are better identified, and what we will continue to provide is more specified. Pat motioned to approve the soccer agreement. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Wabash River Enhancement Corp. Representative**

Joe mentioned Mike Dana was the Park Board appointee to represent the Park Board on the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation Board. Since Mike is no longer on the Park Board, we need to appoint a replacement. The Board meets every other month on the last Friday at 8 am at the County Building. Mayor Dennis is also a representative on the Board. After discussion, Mary motioned to appoint Richard to the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation Board. Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette School Board** – Karen reported the following:

- Three School Board Members up for reelection this year are unopposed. Dottie Rausch, Alan Karpick and I will continue on the Board for four more years.
- Passing the referendum will be our focus in the next two months. The Friends of WLCS has formed and is currently working on a fund drive. One event is tomorrow at Puccini's restaurant. Eat in or take-out just say you want your bill to go towards the west side referendum when you pay and Puccini's will donate twenty percent to the Friends.

**Wabash River****Other****Pay Claims**

Richard motioned for claims to be paid. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Pat motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary